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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 August 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 9-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 9-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 9-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Kikuchi et al (6,577811).

Regarding claim 9, 12, 15, 18, 21 and 24, Kikuchi discloses a recording system (Figs. 2, 63) for recording data on a recording medium(10X) comprising (Figs. 8,9, 19 and 23) : a record information area having record information (Fig. 9), a first identifying information area having first identifying information (Fig. 23) , and a second identifying information area having second identifying information (Fig. 8 and 19) on the recording medium, wherein the record information includes 1) a plurality of first recording units, 2) one or more second recording units (cells) each of which contains one or more the first recording units and 3) one or more third units (video file or video title) (Fig. 9) each of which consists of one or more the first recording units, wherein the first identifying information corresponds to each of the one or more second recording units and prevents erasing or editing of a corresponding second recording unit (Fig. 23

column 22 ,line 65 to column 23, line 5) , wherein the second identifying information corresponds to each of the third or more units and prevents erasing or editing of a corresponding the third data unit (Figs. 3, 8 and 19, column 14, lines 10-18, column 21, lines 55 -62).

Applicant argues that Kikuchi teaches using a flag for indicating a preventing erasing of first data unit but Kikuchi "fails to disclose a flag corresponding to a higher recording unit ." In response, the examiner disagrees. It is noted that at figures 9 and 19, Kikuchi teaches using a flag for protecting a file or a video title from being erased (column 14, lines 10-18, column 21, lines 55 –62 Fig. 3). It is clear that that Kikuchi teaches using second identification includes a second data protect flag that prevents erasing or editing of a corresponding third data unit.

Regarding claims 10, 13,16,19,22 and 25, Kikuchi further teaches that the first identifying information indicates whether a corresponding second recording unit is in a logically erased state (Fig. 23. column 22 , line 65 to column 23, line 5)

regarding claim 11, 14,17,20,23 and 26 , Kikuchi further teaches the second identifying information indicates whether a corresponding logical unit is to be protected (Figs. 8 and 19, column 14, lines 10-18, column 21, lines 55 -62) .

Regarding claim 27, Kikuchi discloses a recording system (Fig. 26, column 27, line 65 to column 28, line 10, column 29) for recording data on a recording medium(10X) comprising :

means (32,56) for recoding information on a record information area (Fig. 9), wherein the record information includes 1) a plurality of first recording units, 2) one or more second recording units (cells) each of which contains one or more the first recording units and 3) one or more third units which consists of one or more the first recording units (video file or video title) (Figs. 3, 9 column 11, lines 25-68);

means (32,30) for recording first identifying information on the (Fig. 23, the first identifying information being related to each of the first recording units and including a first data protect flag that prevent erasing or editing of a corresponding first data unit (Fig. 23 column 22 ,line 65 to column 23, line 5); and

means (32,30) for recording the second identifying information corresponds to each of the third or more units and including second protect flag prevents erasing or editing (Figs. 8 and 19) of a corresponding the third data unit (column 14, lines 10-18, column 21, lines 55 -62).

Regarding claim 28, Kikuchi further teaches the first data protect flag that prevent erasing of a corresponding first data unit (Fig. 23 column 22 ,line 65 to column 23, line 5), and the second protect flag prevents erasing (Figs. 8 and 19) of a corresponding the third data unit (column 14, lines 10-18, column 21, lines 55 -62).

Regarding claim 29, Kikuchi further teaches the first data protect flag that prevent editing of a corresponding first data unit (Fig. 23 column 22 ,line 65 to column 23, line 5), and the second protect flag prevents editing (Figs. 8 and 19) of a corresponding the third data unit (column 14, lines 10-18, column 21, lines 55 -62) since

the first flag and second flag prevent the changing of the corresponding first data unit and second data unit .

Regarding claim 30, Kikuchi discloses a recording system (Fig. 26, column 27, line 65 to column 28, line 10, column 29) for recording data on a recording medium(10X) comprising :

means (32,56) for recoding information on a record information area (Fig. 9), wherein the record information includes 1) one or more first recording units (cells) and on or more second recording units (video object title set or files) (Figs. 3, 9 column 11, lines 25-68);

means (32,30) for recording first identifying information on the recording medium (Fig. 23), the first identifying information being related to each of the first data units an including a first data protect flag that prevent erasing or editing of a corresponding first data unit (Fig. 23 column 22 ,line 65 to column 23, line 5); and

means (32,30) for recording second identifying information on the medium , the second identifying information corresponds to each of the second data units and including a second data protect flag that prevents erasing or editing (Figs. 8 and 19) of a corresponding the third data unit (column 14, lines 10-18, column 21, lines 55 -62).

Further for claim 30, Kikuchi teaches that recording of the first data u its and second data unit can be set by the user since the user ca use a remote control for controlling start and ending recording data on the recording medium

Regarding claim 31, Kikuchi further teaches the first data protect flag that prevent erasing of a corresponding first data unit (Fig. 23 column 22 ,line 65 to column 23, line 5), and the second protect flag prevents erasing (Figs. 8 and 19) of a corresponding the third data unit (column 14, lines 10-18, column 21, lines 55 -62).

Regarding claim 32, Kikuchi further teaches the first data protect flag that prevent editing of a corresponding first data unit (Fig. 23 column 22 ,line 65 to column 23, line 5), and the second protect flag prevents editing (Figs. 8 and 19) of a corresponding the third data unit (column 14, lines 10-18, column 21, lines 55 -62) since the first flag and second flag prevent the changing of the corresponding first data unit and second data unit .

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 25 August 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants argue that Kikuchi fails to teaches a first identification flag for identifying whether a first unit or a second unit can be erased or not and a second identification flag indicating whether a third unit can be erased or not.

In response , the examiner disagrees . It is noted that at column 14, lines 10-20, and fig. 8, Kikuchi teaches using a second identification flag for indicating whether a third unit (a file or a VTS) can be erased or not and Fig. 23, column 22, line 65 to column 23, line 5 Kikuchi teaches using first identification flag to indicate whether a second unit or a first unit to be erased or not. Further it is noted that information

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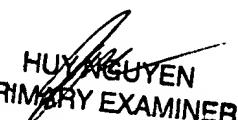
regarding whether a recording unit may be erased is attached to each of a plurality of hierarchies since a file or VTS comprises one or more cells and a cell comprises one or more object unit or packets and the second identification is used for controlling erasing of a file or a VTS or a video object (third unit) and the first identification used for controlling erasing of a cell or an object unit or a packet (second or first unit).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571) 272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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